

COMMANDER' RETIREE CONCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 3, 2005 at the Aviators Landing. This was the 199th scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.

2. Member present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL Bob Bunting, Co-Ch	CSM Charles E. Frye, Co-Ch
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
COL James E. Hyers	1SG Jackie Ray
LTC James R. Mellish	SMSGT Jean A. Woodruff (USAF)
CDR James E. Cobb	Ms. Erika Johnson (Widow)

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson , Unexcused	CSM William Jolley
COL William E. Crouch	SFC Ralph Reed, Unexcused
COL Herman S. Heath	

GUESTS

CSM(R) James W. Harris	MSG(R) John T. McCracken, Jr.
SFC(R) Joe Barnes	

ADVISORS PRESENT

Mr. Stefan Marks, AAFES
Mr. Kevin Carver, AG
Mr. Will Newman, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, DFCA

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM by CSM Frye.

4. The minutes of the last meeting were changed from Unexcused to Excused for SMSGT Jean A. Woodfuff.

5. Old Business - None

6. Committee Reports.

- a. Public Affairs – No report.
- b. Legislative Affairs - COL Hyers reported that the VA has proposed a plan to charge a user fee for those veterans in categories seven and eight. This same proposal was defeated in Congress last year. There are bills in both houses to move the SBP paid up plan forward from 2008.
- c. Health Care – No report.
- d. Volunteer Program - SFC Barnes reported the Volunteer of The Month for March is Jessie Stockton and she will be recognized on 8 March at the Post Theater. The Volunteer of the Year will be recognized on 20 April 2005 instead of 28 April 2005.
- e. Consolidated Club System – COL Block reported that Aviator's Landing was in the black in every category and showed a profit of approximately \$1200.
- f. Commissary – CDR Cobb reported the Commissary renovation was still in progress which, when completed, should make shopping easier for customers.
- g. PX – See advisors report.
- h. Golf Course – See advisors report.
- i. Equestrian Center – COL Heath was at the Center preparing for the Horse Show scheduled for this weekend
- j. Outdoor Recreation – 1SG Ray reported that during the last deer hunting season there were 82 violations reported. 77 of these were failure to sign in. 77 bucks and 43 does were harvested during the season. Turkey season is open and the Gobbler Classic will be held 25 March with Youth Day on 12 March. Youth and disabled fishing tournament will be at the Parcourse Lake on 9 April and a bass tournament scheduled for Lake Tholocco 16 April. “Free Day” at the lake will be 28 May followed by a fishing tournament 10 – 19 June. The Outdoor Recreation budget has been cut \$130,000 from last years funding.
- j. Bowling Alley – No report.
- k. RAD – No report.

7. Advisors Comments --

- a. Mr. Laster reported that at the lake open house the rental boats would be used to give tours of the lake and not to be checked out for all day individual fishing. Launch fees for private boats will be waived and a person must have an Alabama Fishing License and a Ft Rucker Fishing Permit. The Bowling Alley Council Meeting is on hold until a new president is found for the council.

b. Mr. Marks reported the PX is getting a special buy on satellite radio systems. GPS systems for cars were sold out quickly and more have been ordered. The sales at the PX are on a downward spiral.

8. New Business –

a. The Council held a rather lively discussion about Ft. Rucker Aviation Branch Safety Offices' interpretation of Para E3.2.3.2. of DODI6055-4. DOD Traffic Safety Program which states, "Training required by this Instruction shall be provided at no cost to military and DoD civilian personnel." An email from Ms. Sharon D. Manning, Aviation Branch Safety Office, Ft. Rucker, AL to Mr. William F. Voth, retired military, states, "The course offered on Fort Rucker is for Active duty military and Department of the Army Civilians only. We do not offer a course to retirees." The discussion was tabled until the next meeting in order to see if the Fort Rucker Aviation Branch Safety Office will consider military retirees as part of the military community.

b. The Council interviewed CSM(R) James A. Harris and MSG(R) John T. McCracken, Jr. and recommended to the Garrison Commander that they both be appointed to the Council.

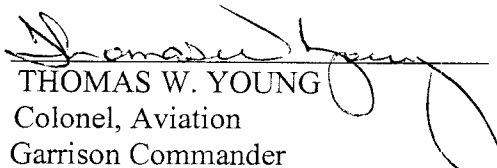
9. Co-Chairman's Comments – Both of the Co-Chairmen expressed concern about the lack of advisors participation at the Retiree Council's meetings and hoped the Command Group would stress this. It is important for the advisors to hear the concerns of the retired community.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM. The next scheduled meeting to be held at the Aviators Landing on April 7, 2005 at 11:30 AM.

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